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Rev. Marvin Morgan

Morgan Installed at First Church Atlanta

Rev. Marvin L. Morgan was installed on November 11, 1979 as minister of First Congregational Church, UCC in Atlanta, GA. Present to deliver the installation sermon was the Rev. Yvonne Delk, Associate Director, UCC Office for Church in Society.

A 1971 graduate of Elon College, Rev. Morgan received his M. Div. degree from Duke University in 1974 and his D. Min. degree in 1979 from Drew University Theological School. He served as pastor of Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Burlington, N.C. from 1970-77 and Nazarene Congregational Church, UCC in Brooklyn, N.Y. from 1977 to 1979.

Rev. Morgan has served since 1977 as the National President, Ministers For Racial and Social Justice, UCC. Since 1975 he has also served on the Executive Council (Class of 1981) of the United Church of Christ.

Morgan follows the Rev. Dr. Homer McEwen who served as pastor of First Church for 32 years and was a noted and respected leader in racial and other community affairs.

Rev. Morgan lives in Decatur with his wife, the former Wilhelminia Brown of Wake Forest, N.C., and his daughters Akilah Rashida and Shani Takiyah.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS

The Conference Minister Search Committee of the Southeast Conference is proceeding according to schedule. The Conference Profile and Job Description have been completed. Over 30 applications and recommendations have been received and 23 have responded positively to the Profile.

Because the deadline for receiving applications was December 15, 1979, the first review of candidates by the committee will be early in 1980.

Conference Minister W. J. Andes plans to retire in April of 1980.



Rev. Ira Chase

Rev. Chase Called to New Church Start

Rev. Ira Chase has been called as minister of the Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, Marietta, Georgia, the second of five new church starts within the Southeast Conference to be officially underway.

A native of New England, Rev. Chase brings to the south some excellent credentials as a United Church minister. After working as a banker, Rev. Chase entered Andover Newton Theological School where he graduated with an M.Div. degree in 1965. Since that time he has served as the pastor of three UCC churches: Westmoreland, New Hampshire UCC, 1964-69; Simsbury, Connecticut First Church, 1969-73; and Swansea, Massachusetts First Church, 1973-79. In addition to his pastoral experience, Rev. Chase has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Conference, UCC and on a number of other boards and committees.

Arriving this past fall, Rev. Chase is joined by his wife, Midge, and his three children, Mike, Susan and Greg.

Located in Cobb County, one of the fastest growing areas of suburban Atlanta, Pilgrimage United Church of Christ joins Button Gwinnett, UCC, Lilburn, GA which was the first of a proposed five new church starts to be initiated by 1988.

OGHS: Offering Ministry to the World

"When did we see you. . .?" . . . as you did it to one of the least of these; the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison, you did it to me." When we cannot go ourselves to minister to those who are in need, we make it possible for others to go in our place through a network of Christian Churches in 70 countries around the world, a network of service that we support through One Great Hour of Sharing.

This year, the Sunday recommended for the OGHS offering is March 16, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Watch for announcement of when and how your own congregation is participating this year. Congregations of the United Church of Christ and of many other Protestant denominations join in a common fund-raising effort for OGHS. Together they prepare interpretive materials, and together they channel much of the money received from their efforts through Church World Service, the service arm of the National Council of Churches.

Plan now to participate generously in support of the One Great Hour of Sharing. A hungry and thirsty world is waiting!

Youth Core Makes Plans

The Southeast Conference Youth Core looks forward to the 1980 program year! Following a November planning session by the Blue Ribbon Planning Committee, the following three Youth Core leadership training events were planned:

—January 25-27 — Camp Calvin (near Atlanta)

—March 28-30 — Nashville, Tennessee

—June 6-8 — Fisk University (SEC Annual Meeting)

The Youth Core is limited to 30 selected teens (9-12th graders) and advisors representing major areas of the Conference. Training consists of education and practice in special group programming and leadership skills.

Information and application forms should be on their way to your church.

Association Meets

The 1979 South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association meeting was held at Pyron Chapel Congregational Church, Baker, FL., October 13th, 1979. Churches represented were: Antioch, Andalusia; First Church, Andalusia; New Effort, Bonifay, FL; Blackwoods, Headland, AL; Indian Creek Church, Brantley; Liberty Church, Brantley; Good Hope Congregational Church, Baker, FL.

Pyron Chapel was very happy to keep the Attendance Banner for the coming year, with New Effort carrying the Percentage Banner home. It was very nice to welcome back into our area the former pastor of Pyron Chapel, Roy Bain and family, as well as Rev. Alton Nixon.

—Virginia Johnson

Good News, Bad News!

And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: "There is both good news and bad news. The good news is that plagues shall smite your Egyptian oppressors. The Nile shall be turned to blood, and frogs and locusts shall cover the fields, and gnats and flies shall infest the Pharaoh's people, and their cattle shall die and rot in the pastures, and hail and darkness shall visit punishment upon the land of Egypt. Then will I lead the children of Israel forth, parting the waters of the Red Sea so that they may cross, and thereafter strewing the dessert with manna that they might eat."

And Moses said: "Oh Lord, that's wonderful. But tell me, what's the bad news?"

And the Lord God replied: "It will be up to you, Moses, to write the Environmental Impact Statement!"

—On a bulletin board at Harvard Biolabs



CALVIN AND GERTRUDE HOBART

Fairfield Glade Sees Membership Grow

On June 3, 1979 the Community Church at Fairfield Glade, TN, passed one milestone as it welcomed into membership its 100th and 101st members — Calvin and Gertrude Hobart. The Hobarts, who are from Elkins, W.V., moved to the Glade in April.

A second mile-stone was celebrated on September 26, 1979, the fourth anniversary of Community Church's first service of worship. Some 200 people were present at a pot-luck dinner to celebrate not only the church's anniversary, but its growth to 125 members with an average Sunday attendance of 84.

The continuing growth of the new church is the result of the meaningful ministry of the Rev. Marion Mansell, the first full time pastor, and to the many interested and dedicated ministers who served and guided the development of this interdenominational church until Rev. Mansell received his call in July, 1977.

Having grown out of their present meeting place, the church looks forward to erecting their own building. To date, some \$29,000 has been raised or donated by the church members and friends. The initial goal is \$50,000; when it is reached, the congregation will borrow the remainder and proceed with plans to build.

CURT'S NUGGETS

From the desk of Curtis Schumacher, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee:

—A person may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving.

—When God is the center of one's life, the way one spends one's time and money is no longer a private matter.

Dorchester Improvement Association Holds Annual Meeting

The Dorchester Improvement Association, originally established as Dorchester Academy, Midway, GA, held its Annual Meeting on November 9, 1979.

Highlights of 1979 included reports that a Heritage Room is being established in the Dorchester Cooperataive Center to house historical documents, pictures and artifacts. Three murals are being painted and an historical marker will later be placed on the grounds.

The Association's main building houses Liberty County Day Care in which 55 children are enrolled five days a week. A new organization called TOPS, "Take Off Pounds Sensibly," is now using the center. Two rooms on the second floor of the building have been made into an Assembly Room and a kitchenette is being built across the hall. A swimming pool and recreational facilities are provided for the citizens of Liberty County.

The Midway United Church of Christ and the Dorchester Improvement Association work closely together in all of the programs at the Center.

Present at the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Hotchkiss of the AMA who shared their dreams for the future of the Center. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes were recognized for their 14 years of service in the Southeast Conference and a gift of appreciation was given to them.

National Youth Event

YOUTH! An opportunity to attend a National Youth Event to be held June 25-29, 1980 at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota!

This national event, which is planned by the United Church of Christ for an anticipated attendance of some 1,500 young people from United Church congregations all over the country, has some specific goals:

—to strengthen spiritual and faith commitments.

—to celebrate unique gifts of individuals and the church.

—to deepen and broaden involvement in the UCC.

—to challenge the church to integrate concerns and participation of youth into the total life of the church.

Plan now to attend for an outstanding experience, a chance to meet youth from around the country, and to have a good time.

Watch for further information concerning conference details and registration procedures and plan to attend!

UCBWM "Hotline" Available

The United Church Board for World Ministries has established a "Hotline" to keep local churches informed of current natural and political disasters around the world requiring the aid and support of local congregations. A one minute tape-recorded message that is up-dated weekly, the "Hotline" may be reached by calling 212-870-3257. Rates for the one minute message are least expensive if calls are made after 11 PM.

EDUCATING BY EXPERIENCE

For quite some time the idea has been nurtured that the wide experience of retirees of Uplands Retirement Center in Pleasant Hill, TN, who have covered most of the earth in their combined careers, could be useful in broadening the experience of pupils in the local schools. Mr. James Mann and several other residents of Uplands expanded this idea and organized an effort to enrich the regular curriculum of one of the local schools.

As a result, some 12 volunteers taught twenty sessions to young people in grades 7 and 8, while four other volunteers assisted primary teachers in regular subjects, art and storytelling.

The principal and teachers, at the end of the school year, expressed their appreciation and requested continuation of the program in the coming year. Such a program shows that the welfare of children belong to all the members of the community.

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CADDO CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UCC

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Caddo Congregational Christian Church, UCC

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, from the Gulf of Mexico to the mountains of Tennessee, the Southeast Conference covers a broad expanse of territory. Contained within her boundaries are some 120 churches — widely dispersed — widely diverse in heritage and religious expression — and yet united in the conviction that the churches of Jesus Christ "may all be one."

Representing the churches of the North Alabama Association is Caddo Congregational Christian Church, UCC located in a rural farming area which is only a short distance from Decatur, AL.

Organized in 1903 with some 21 members, the church's congregation has grown to some 125 active members at present. In addition to a men's group and a most active Women's Fellowship, the congregation also supports a variety of youth programs. In addition to singing at nursing homes and to shut-ins, the youth are fully in charge of morning worship every 5th Sunday as well as enjoying a quarterly program with the youth from two neighboring churches. For younger children the church has a vacation Bible school in which 75 were in attendance last year.

The church's present building is 20 years old. Successive additions have been made through the years the latest of which is a ramp to aid the handicapped and elderly.

Offering worship, children's church, Bible study and community aid, the

church is particularly proud of meeting the OCWM goals set by the Conference. The church is now raising that goal each year by 10%.

The church has been served by 18 pastors, the most recent of which — Ernest Shelton — retired in September of 1979 after 26 years as pastor. Roger Loosier is the church's present pastor.

SHARE

Kids Really Eat It Up!

If you've been looking for an exciting, new idea to use with children in your church school class, here's one that appeared in the Fall issue of **JED Share**: peanutbutter play dough! The kids in your class will really eat it up!

Peanutbutter Play Dough

Mix together 1 cup peanut butter and 1 tablespoon of honey. Dump in some (not a lot) dry milk, and mix by hand. Keep mixing and add a little more dry milk until it feels smooth, like play dough, and no longer sticks to your hands.

Use this mixture to make a variety of craft items. For variation, roll items in shredded coconut or crushed nuts, or dip them in melted chocolate. Experiment and enjoy! If your craft items don't turn out, you can always eat the evidence.

Watch regularly for similar innovative

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N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

First E&R, UCC in Nashville recently transported several hundred pounds of clothes and blankets, which were donated by members of the congregation, to the Morgan-Scott Project in Lansing, TN.

Rev. George Fidler, pastor of St. John's UCC in Cullman, AL, and his wife recently attended a Church Leader's Institute in California taught by Dr. Robert Schuller.

The congregation of Bonanza UCC, Jonesboro, GA, held a surprise celebration for their pastor and wife, Rev. Floyd and Jerri Carmack on the occasion of the Carmack's 25th wedding anniversary.

How many members of your congregation have entered the Christian ministry? Langdale, AL, UCC recently reflected on six ministers that have come from its congregation: E.S. Fetner, John Wilder, Darryl Peebles, Lynwood Hubbard, Bernice Spivey and Winford Walters.

After two years of preparatory work, Elon Home for Children became the first children's home to receive accreditation by the National Association of Homes for Children. A health and welfare institution related to the United Church, Elon Home for Children is located in Elon College, N.C.

The Morgan-Scott Project seeks applications for Executive Director Ecumenical ministry working with churches, projects, and community organizations. Fundraising and administrative skills required. Salary negotiable. Send resumes to: Morgan-Scott Project, Box 8, Deer Lodge, TN 37726.

Birmingham Pilgrim UCC received Christmas greetings from its two missionary couples: Louisa and Ralph Galt at the Yu-Shan Theological Institute in Taiwan and Barbara and Ken Manning who are serving at the Faculty of Law, Institute of Administration, Zaria, Nigeria.

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ideas in Christian education in JED Share. The cost of a year's subscription is \$5.50. Be sure that you indicate that you wish to receive the UCC edition when you write to:

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132 West 31st Street
New York, N.Y. 10001
Why not write for your edition today!

Old Liberty Congregational-Christian Church, Houston County, AL, was totally destroyed by a fire on the morning of November 25, 1979. Future plans for the 100 year old church are still being considered. J. T. Lowery is the pastor.

Rev. John Schaeffer, the newly-called minister of Belvidere, TN, United Church, began his ministry the first part of November and will be installed by the Alabama-Tennessee Association on January 27, 1980.

Knoxville, TN, Church of the Savior hosted a refugee family of eight beginning in December. The church helped to settle the family and line up a home and jobs for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Yancey, members of the Langdale, AL, UCC, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 30, 1979. Mr. Yancey was a Moderator of the former Southeast Convention.

Rev. Dr. Wilfred Scopes of Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, TN, contributed a series of four articles on the identity of the UCC. The articles were printed in the "Crossville Chronicle."

The youth group of Knoxville, TN, Church of the Savior recently held a birthday party, complete with a program of music, for eleven people at a home for elderly persons.

Rev. Wilson Welch and Rev. Lee McReynolds of Nashville teamed up for a special presentation on the UCC at a Disciples of Christ youth camp on November 10 at Bethany Hills Camp, Kingston Springs, TN.

Cullman, AL, St. John's youth group sponsored a Christmas party for 30 underprivileged children as well as

Cooperative Film Library Available

The Cooperative Film Library, 3736 Rosemont, Birmingham, AL 35213, offers a service to Alabama churches and other religious organizations. Since the Southeast Conference is one of seven member denominations, UCC churches throughout the Conference are entitled to have access to the films.

A congregation may become a member by writing to the Cooperative Film Library at the above address and by enclosing payment of a \$5.00 service charge and the following registration information: congregation's name and position of person submitting application; members in congregation; date of application. Apply today!

Funeral Services Observed

Winfred R. Tuttle of Florida died on December 12, 1979 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Tuttle was the wife of Rev. William Tuttle, Conference Minister of the Florida Conference from 1944-57, who preceded her in death on August 22, 1979. The Tuttles had been married for 62 years. The Tuttles are survived by two sons and their families: Curtis R. Tuttle of Ipswich, Mass.; Henry W. Tuttle, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Alabama and Moderator of the Southeast Conference.

Mrs. Alice Long, age 85, died in Ozark, Tennessee after a long illness. She is the widow of Rev. N. A. Long, a Congregational minister who served in the former Southeast Convention. She is survived by one daughter and seven sons, one of whom is the Rev. Herbert Long, Memphis, Tennessee, who has served as a pastor within the Southeast Conference.

helping a family with six children for Christmas.

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